

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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Report by World Bank

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Poverty and Shared Prosperity report released by the World Bank;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken cognizance of the facts contained in the report;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the level of poverty in India as per the above World Bank report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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(a) to (c): The World Bank report titled "Ending Poverty and Sharing Prosperity 2016 : Taking on Inequality" provides trends in global poverty & shared prosperity including research in public policies and intervention that can make a difference for world's poorest. The report takes a closer look at the role that inequality reduction plays in ending extreme poverty and improving the livelihoods of the poorest in every country.

(d) : The World Bank has used the international poverty line of US\$1.90 per person per day at 2011 Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) to measure poverty level in various countries. The report states that for 2011-12, India's poverty rate using Uniform Reference Period (URP) consumption expenditure (30-day recall for consumption of both food & non-food items to measure expenditure) is 21.2 percent. It also mentions that the poverty rate for India based on Modified Mixed Reference Period (MMRP) consumption expenditure (which modifies the 30-day recall to a 7-day recall for some food items and to a 1-year recall for low-frequency non-food consumption items) translates to 12.4 percent for 2011-12.
